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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday August 2, 2007 - 7 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
VE Testing @ 6:00 - Door Prizes

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

West Central Louisiana ARC - Aug. 11
Central Louisiana ARC Hamfest - Oct. 13

Each Wednesday

Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery
Check 146.820 - repeater for info

Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5
YL/XYL / Filly Net 146.820 - 600

1st & 3rd Friday, 1:00 p.m.

HEAL Net 146.820 - 600

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101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

Children's Museum of Acadiana

Lafayette Natural History Museum's summer camp program "Voluntourism" toured local museums to get an idea of the opportunities available to our youth in the area.

They visited the CMA on July 26th and received a "behind-the-scene" tour of our facility and a "special" viewing of our ham radio operating station.

The first group to tour the ham radio room were young gentlemen around 10-12 years old. Many questions were asked and some of them were good ones. For instance, "how far do ham radio waves travel, what happens to you if you get caught operating without a license, and what are the minimum age to get a license"? The next group were young ladies within the same age group. They did not have as many questions as the guys, but they did have a few. Some were: "do you still have to learn Morse code, and do ham radio cost a lot"? One was from Lebanon and she asked, "have you ever talked to anyone from Lebanon"?

John Martin KA5BSE answered most of the questions and Herman Campbell KN5GRK gave a brief history of amateur radio beginning with Guglielmo Marconi's first transcontinental transmission and ending with how ham radio operators experiments helped develop modern day radio, television and cell phones.

Cheri Valenti, Arts Programming Director will be setting up other tours for the CMA and the K5CMA radio station will be in the spotlight again even more when the Scouting tours crank up.

If you would like to donate some of your spare time to helping out in any parts of CMA, contact:

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John KA5BSE explains the purpose of a QSL card to the kids.



Cheri Valenti - Arts Programming Director of the Children's Museum

AARA July Activities

Thursday July 12th—John Martin KA5BSE and Herman Campbell KN5GRK went to the Savoy Medical Center in Mamou, LA to check out and program the 2m/440 transceiver for the hospital. The radio is in the maintenance department at this time and will probably be moved to another location. A brief outline on how to send formal NTS Traffic was held for the four licensed in that department. They were: Paul Vidrine KE5LBB, Patrick Thibodeaux KE5LBF, Rowdy Fontenot KE5LBX, and Thaddus Calvin KE5LCG. Everything went very well and the guys were really anxious to get on the air.

Saturday July 14th—Roland Guidry NA5Q, John Martin KA5BSE, and Herman Campbell KN5GRK, went to the Children's Museum of Acadiana around 11:00 AM to man the K5CMA station for the Boy Scout group that were meeting during the week, apparently none had signed up for the Saturday we were there.

Monday July 16th—John Martin KA5BSE and Herman Campbell KN5KGRK went to the Lafayette Salvation Army around 9:00 AM and strung up the 80 meter long wire on the existing 30 foot tower. After checking the tuning, we found that it is a little bit too long, so we will have to "prune" it to get it resonant at 3900 KHz, about where we want it. While we were there, we also set up the Icom 2100H 2 meter transceiver on one of John's "J" poles on top of the 30 foot tower. It seems to hit all the area repeaters on low power. The radio is located in Major John Queener's office. BTW, the Major's call is KD5OJT.

Memories of Days Gone By

Art Mouton K5FNQ was cleaning out his shack and ran across a December '65 notice from Padre W5WZR about the Lafayette Amateur Radio Club (before it became the Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc.) banquet which transmorgified to the AARA Hamfest later. Art hated to throw it away and thought it might be nice to put in the LARC so he scanned the document and sent it to me in .PDF format.

I could not figure on how to properly display it in the LARC so I uploaded it to our website at: www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/larcdec65.pdf

For some of you "ole timers" it might bring back a few memories.

Art K5FNQ

Early Reminder

It's time again for Ham Radio Awareness Day. This year we will have our club van setup at the Winn Dixie in Rayne, Louisiana. Come out and have a lot of fun September 8th 2007, hours of operation will start at 0800 and end at 1400 hours local time.

We will need volunteers to setup, man and teardown on this day, a sign-up sheet will be available at the August meeting. You can also call Linda Breau (KD5HSY) at 337-235-3797 and she will add you to the list.

Refreshments and food will be provided for all who participate in the worthwhile activity.

Hope to see you there....

Glenn KD5NVC - Chairperson Amateur Radio Awareness Day

July VE Test Session Results

One person tested at the July AARA General Meeting. His name is Courtney Roy, son of Ed Roy WA5TNK. He is now a Technician with the amateur call KE5PMF.

Danny K5ARH

AARA Monday Night Net

As of the last month, I have announced on all the nets and at the last meeting that I will not be the Net Control Station after August 1st.

Ray Arceneaux N5LRZ has agreed to pick it up for a couple of weeks but in the meantime, someone needs to step in, or there will not be any net.

It is time for a change!

Herman KN5GRK

Upcoming AARA Events for 2007

September

Amateur Radio Awareness Day
Marquis de Lafayette Special Event

October

Jamboree on the Air

November

Cajun Cup Run
Scott, Louisiana Anniversary

December

Cajun Cup Half Marathon

We will probably doing some more Special Events such as the SkyWarn Recognition Day, the Salvation Army Recognition Day. The dates and times will be posted in future issues of the LARC.

These events will need some volunteers to help make them a success. Do your part by volunteering and having some of the fun of getting on the air.

LAFAYETTE PARISH EOC GETS NEW EQUIPMENT



The Lafayette City - Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness received new equipment for their amateur radio station. A group from the local amateur radio club came down to the courthouse facilities and installed most of the equipment and gave it a checkout on the evening of July 26th. This was all done under the supervision of Bill Vincent, EOC Director.

It was like "Christmas in July" as the boxes were opened by the group. As the equipment was removed from the boxes, serial numbers were logged and checked against the purchase order, then placed on the floor with associated cables and operating manuals.

This new equipment will replace the older two stations which consisted of a Icom 735 and a Kenwood TS-830S. The new equipment will consist of 2 Icom 756 Pro III Transceivers, 1 Icom PW-1 Power Amplifier and 2 Microkeyers.

The volunteers that helped with this project were: Ed Roy WA5TNK Lafayette Parish EC, Herman Campbell KN5GRK Lafayette Parish Assistant EC, John Martin KA5BSE, Dags Whittemore KE5CGN, and John Cuniff W4JHC.

Both Icom 756 Pro III's were set up and checked out by making contacts with other stations that gave a report on signal strength and audio check. There are a few thing that will be checked out on future dates, such as setting up the Microkeyers and the PW-1 amplifier which will need the services of an electrician to wire a 220 volts AC line and install a matching plug on the amplifier.

Bill Vincent stated that these two stations will be made available to the AARA for any special events that we can make use of the equipment. The old equipment will be transferred to the Lafayette Salvation Army but will still be the property of the OSHEP as soon as a "Memorandum of Understanding" between the Lafayette Salvation Army and OSHEP is presented.



Unpacking new equipment



Icom 756 Pro III Transceiver



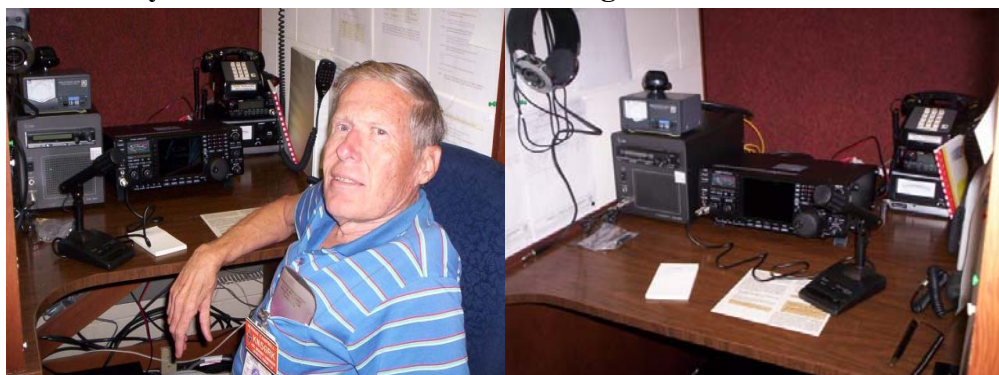
Icom PW-1 Power Amplifier



Ed Roy—WA5TNK

Dags Whittemore—KE5CGN

John Martin—KA5BSE checking out new Icom 756 Pro III



Herman Campbell—KN5GRK

New Icom 756 Pro III Station

FCC Releases Post-Katrina Order, "Final Rule"

On July 11, the FCC released their Order regarding the recommendations of the independent panel reviewing the impact of Hurricane Katrina on communications networks (the Katrina Panel). It contained their conclusions following a review of the comments filed in response to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). The Commission asked for comments a week after the release of the report and recommendations of the Katrina Panel and directed the Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) to implement several of the recommendations. The FCC also adopted rules requiring some communications providers to have emergency/back-up power and to conduct analyses and submit reports on the redundancy and resiliency of their 911 and E911 networks. The FCC's actions are to go into effect August 10.

The Commission noted that "the amateur radio community played an important role in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and other disasters," and instructed the PSHSB to "include the amateur radio community in its out-reach efforts."

The FCC invited comments on the Katrina Panel's recommendation that the FCC "act to enhance the public safety community's awareness of non-traditional emergency alternative technologies that might be of value as back-up communications systems in a crisis." Several commentators suggested that the public safety community be educated about the applicability of Amateur Radio in a crisis. The FCC agreed with these comments, saying that improving the public safety community's knowledge of, and training in, alternative technologies would improve preparedness for future crises. They directed the PSHSB to "develop and implement an awareness program to educate public safety agencies about alternative technologies and to encourage agencies to provide regular training on any alternative technologies to be used," including educating public safety agencies about alternative technologies.

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HEAL NET

The HEAL Net takes place on the 146.82 repeater in Lafayette on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 1:00 PM. The purpose of this net is to check out the amateur radio installations in area hospitals and emergency facilities and to train operators in proper ARRL NTS Traffic handling.

Lately, I have been receiving a lot Formal NTS traffic on 3910 KHz at 6:00 PM local time. Most of this traffic is directed to the new hams from our test sessions over the last year or so. These persons are never or seldom on the radio HF or VHF to check in on the nets, therefore I have to make phone calls to deliver the traffic. This is very time consuming.

I would like to see more participation on the HF and VHF nets to get amateurs acquainted with traffic handling and it would take some of the load from me.

Herman KN5GRK

July HEAL Net Report

DATE:	Medical Personnel	Guest	Medical Facilities	Time / Traffic
7/06/07	1	3	1	19/1
7/20/07	3	8	3	18/0



8/2	ROBERT	N5OA
8/3	ALTON	KB5RKP
8/4	DAVID	KE5NIJ
8/18	ESTHER	N5YOP
8/19	DANIEL	KE5LCJ
8/23	LONNIE	KE5LBM
8/30	ROY	KE5LAW
8/30	RONALD	KE5NIK
9/2	ALLEN	KD5OZJ
9/6	MARK	KE5NIO



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership application, this is why some may not be on the list.

TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASSES

If you are interested or know of someone interested in getting their Technician License, now is the time to contact Roland Guidry NA5Q.

The next available date for this year is for September 1st and then later in December (date to be announced later).

At this time we have ten persons from Acadian Ambulance Service interested in taking the class for September 1st. AAS will notify Roland if this date is OK.

Roland Guidry NA5Q
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The recommendations said that several Amateur Radio operators recommended changes to Part 97 of the FCC's rules; Part 97 is the section that covers Amateur Radio. Many of the suggestions, the report said, have already been implemented, and as such, require no further action. For example, "the Commission recently eliminated Morse Code proficiency as a license qualification requirement, an action supported by several commentators in this proceeding."

The FCC once again made clear that Part 97 "does not prohibit Amateur Radio operators who are emergency personnel engaged in disaster relief from using their amateur radio bands while in a paid duty status." This changed this past December in WT Docket 04-140, the "Omnibus" Amateur Radio Report and Order (R&O).

The Commission also previously decided to phase out RACES station licenses, "making proposed changes to rules relevant to these licenses moot." ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND, notes that the FCC "is not phasing out the RACES program, just the RACES station licenses."

In his comments to the Katrina Panel, W. Lee McVey requested that the FCC initiate a rulemaking to create a new radio service in the 148-150 MHz band "to facilitate interoperability between different first responders during and following a national emergency." The FCC noted that the 148-149.9 MHz band is allocated on a primary basis for the federal mixed, mobile and mobile satellite (Earth-to-space) service, and the 149-150.05 MHz segment is allocated on a co-primary basis for federal and non-federal mobile satellite (Earth-to-space) and radio navigation.

The FCC's report said "[This] petition does not address this use nor does it explain what rules would be necessary to govern access to this spectrum. Given the potential impact of McVey's proposal to spectrum allocated for federal use, we direct PSHSB, together with the Office of Engineering and Technology (OET), to seek feedback from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on this petition."

The FCC said that when it receives the feedback, they will direct PSHSB and OET to make a determination on the appropriate action to be taken on McVey's petition.

August Special Events & Contests

Aug 4 & 5	ARRL UHF Contest
Aug 4 & 5	Ten-Ten International Summer Phone QSO Party —10 meters only
Aug 4 & 5	TARA "Grid Dip Contest" - PSK and RTTY
Aug 9-12	Worked All Europe DX Contest —CW
Aug 11-14	N7C —Navajo Code Talkers Days—Window Rock, AZ
Aug 18 & 19	W4L —Arecibo, Puerto Rico
Aug 18 & 19	North American QSO Party —SSB
Aug 25	W4OVH —Second Battle of Bull Run—Manassas, VA
Aug 25-27	W5GAD —2nd Anniversary of Katrina Club House Re-dedication—New Orleans, LA
Aug 25-Sept 1	K5K —2nd Anniversary of Katrina—Biloxi, MS

There are a lot of Lighthouse and Lightships on the air during the month of August plus Maryland, New Jersey, Hawaii, and Ohio QSO Party stations.

These are just a few of the Special Events & Contests
Check QST or ARRL Website for details and QSL information.

WCLARC HAMFEST 2007

Sponsored by: West Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club
Leesville, LA

Saturday—August 11th

7:30 AM—2:00 PM

Location: Forestry Festival Building, Leesville Forestry Festival Fairgrounds on Hwy 8 West (Texas Hwy). Go 2 miles west off of 171, turn right at the Chevron (Leebo's) & go to the end of Stevens Blvd.

Admission : \$5.00 each.

1 (ONE) FREE flea market table, extra tables \$5.00 each, first come, first served.

Talk-in: 147.310- PL 203.5

Food / Refreshments Available
Breakfast and Lunch Buffet

Commercial Dealers—Forums
Flea Markets—& More
W5YI/VE Testing: 9:30 AM

Main Distributor
Houston Amateur Radio Supply

Main Prize: Yaesu 897D HF

2nd Prize: Yaesu Ft-8800R Mobile

3rd Prize: Yaesu FT-60R HT

Special Drawing: \$500.00 Cash

Main Prize Tickets: \$1.00 each for above drawings. (Do not need to be present for Main Prizes).

Door Prize tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

For Advance Tickets & Information E-mail:

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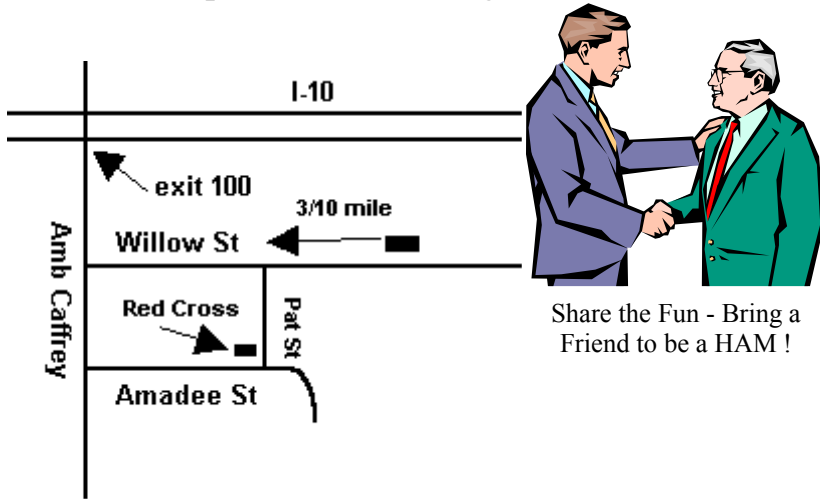
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7:00 PM - VE TESTING @ 6:00 PM - DOOR PRIZES
REFRESHMENTS
Pay your dues if not so done already!

COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE

Squash Casserole

(from the month of August— Teche Federal Bank Calendar)

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| 3 cups corn bread stuffing | 2 small yellow squash, shredded
(about 2 cups) |
| 1/4 cup margarine or butter, melted | 1/4 cup shredded carrot |
| 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed cream
of chicken soup | 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
(2 oz.) |
| 1/2 cup sour cream | |
| 2 small zucchini, shredded
(about 2 cups) | |

Mix stuffing and margarine. Reserve 1/2 cup stuffing mixture. Spoon remaining stuffing mixture into 2 quart shallow baking dish.

Mix soup, sour cream, zucchini, yellow squash, carrot and cheese. Spread over stuffing mixture. Sprinkle reserved stuffing mixture over soup mixture. Bake 350° for 40 minutes or until hot.

Submit your favorite recipe to:

Herman Campbell KN5GRK
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FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscmm@fcc.gov. Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245